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## ENGLISH

### SECTION A: LANGUAGE

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES (Please read these instructions carefully)

1. You have been given this question booklet and a separate answer sheet. The question booklet contains 50 questions.
2. Do any necessary rough work in this booklet.
3. When you have chosen your answer, mark it on the **ANSWER SHEET**, not in this question booklet.

#### HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

4. Use only an ordinary pencil.
5. Make sure that you have written on the answer sheet:

**YOUR INDEX NUMBER**

**YOUR NAME**

**NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL**

6. By drawing a **dark line** inside the correct numbered boxes mark your full Index Number (i.e. School Code Number and the three-figure Candidate's Number) in the grid near the top of the answer sheet.
7. Do not make any marks outside the boxes.
8. Keep the sheet as clean as possible and do not fold it.
9. For each of the questions 1-50 four answers are given. The answers are lettered A, B, C and D. In each case only **ONE** of the four answers is correct. Choose the correct answer
10. On the answer sheet, show the correct answer by drawing a **dark line** inside the box in which the letter you have chosen is written.

#### Example

##### In the Question Booklet.

For question 19 to 22, choose the alternative that means the **same** as the underlined word.

22. The neighbours managed to put out the fire.

- A. cool
- B. extinguish
- C. defeat
- D. cover

##### On the answer sheet:

2. [A] [B] [C] [D] 12. [A] [B] [C] [D] 22. [A] [B] [C] [D] 32. [A] [B] [C] [D] 42. [A] [B] [C] [D]

In the set of boxes numbered 22, the box with the letter **B** printed in it is marked

11. Your **dark line** **MUST** be within the box.
12. For each question **ONLY ONE** box is to be marked in each set of four boxes.



This question paper consists of 7 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1 to 15. For each blank space choose the best answer from the choices given.

Italy \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ a king. Victor Emmanuel \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ the real \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ of the country was a man named Mussolini \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ had become a dictator \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ years after the end of the world war. It was Mussolini who \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Italy \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ war with Ethiopia.

The people of a \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ ruled \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ a dictator are not always really happy \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ they have to do \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ the dictator tells them to do \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ they like it or not. They may be \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_ without being taken to court. They are always \_\_\_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_\_\_ because there are secret policemen who keep listening to \_\_\_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_\_\_ they say against the dictator.

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| 1.  | A. has       | B. had     | C. have      | D. has had    |
| 2.  | A. but       | B. and     | C. as        | D. since      |
| 3.  | A. president | B. queen   | C. ruler     | D. king       |
| 4.  | A. which     | B. whom    | C. who       | D. that       |
| 5.  | A. many      | B. any     | C. a lot of  | D. little     |
| 6.  | A. carried   | B. led     | C. ruled     | D. pushed     |
| 7.  | A. onto      | B. into    | C. on        | D. to         |
| 8.  | A. place     | B. world   | C. county    | D. country    |
| 9.  | A. by        | B. with    | C. of        | D. for        |
| 10. | A. and       | B. so      | C. therefore | D. because    |
| 11. | A. whatever  | B. however | C. whichever | D. that       |
| 12. | A. if        | B. what    | C. had       | D. whether    |
| 13. | A. abused    | B. laughed | C. warned    | D. imprisoned |
| 14. | A. afraid    | B. feared  | C. ashamed   | D. excited    |
| 15. | A. what      | B. that    | C. with      | D. then       |
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For questions 16 and 17, choose the best alternative from the choices given to complete the sentences.

16. The car \_\_\_\_\_ several times this year.  
A. has repaired  
B. had repaired  
C. has been repaired  
D. is being repaired
17. Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ the noise.  
A. have heard      B. must have heard  
C. having heard    D. was heard
18. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ you such questions but he didn't.  
A. could have asked  
B. is asking  
C. has asked  
D. couldn't have asked

For questions 19 - 21, replace the underlined words with the best alternative from the choices given;

19. The enemies gave in after a futile battle.  
A. hid                      B. yielded  
C. resigned                D. fled
20. John let in the gentleman.  
A. allowed                B. showed  
C. revealed                D. admitted

21. The speaker broke down during his address.  
A. collapsed              B. cried  
C. fainted                  D. disappeared

For question 22 and 23, choose the word which least fits in the group;

22. A. Millet                      B. Wheat  
C. Pineapple                  D. Barley
23. A. Pretty                      B. Calm  
C. Beautiful                  D. Lovely

For questions 24 and 25, choose the alternative that means the same as the underlined sentences;

24. Catching the wrong bus made me late.  
A. I caught the wrong bus in order to be late.  
B. I was late because I caught the wrong bus.  
C. I was late in catching the wrong bus.  
D. I was late until I caught the wrong bus.
25. I asked him, "Are you free now?"  
A. I asked him when he was free.  
B. I asked him whether he was free now.  
C. I asked him is he free then.  
D. I asked him whether he was free then.

Read the following passage and then answer questions 26 to 38;

The drought started unexpectedly. Infact, the animals did not expect it to last a long time but it persisted beyond their imagination. On daily basis they woke up to the sight of greyish clouds hanging low in the sky and cold wind blowing through the trees but no rain fell in the end. They realised that something was terribly wrong and unless they did something pretty fast, it could change into a disaster. Old tortoise, from his wisdom decided to move away.

He travelled for days and days because his speed was low. He ate wild fruits , Some even decayed just because he had to survive and there wasn't anything else to eat anyway. In the end, he reached the land of the spirits, although he had not intended to do so. Suddenly, it dawned on him that if did not convince the occupants of that place that he was really on the verge of death, they would certainly hand him the death penalty.

Tortoise was a well-known orator and he did not have to say much to be believed. He looked older and hungrier than he was. He spoke in low whispers and the crowd gathered around him sympathised with his plight. The spirit consulted outside on what to do to him and upon their return, they gave him a magic drum. The drum, they told him. Would solve the problems of food scarcity including drought . All he needed to do was to beat the drum a number of times, perform a jig and state his need. It would come down to him.

Tortoise was on his way back. Loaded with funny looking drum. He did not need to carry any food for all he had to do was to sit and do as told. He always got as much as he needed. He reached

home faster than it had taken him to the land of the spirits. Everyone was disappointed when they learned that he had only carried a drum and not food. He performed the magic inside the house. Suddenly, more food than anyone of them could imagine landed before them. No sooner had they finished the feast than rain started falling in torrents. The same night, the animals declared the tortoise to be the king. As he had become the king, tortoise employed elephant to be the drum beater. For some time, the animals lived happily for no one went to work. Many animals had formed the habit of staying idle and upon hearing the drum beats, they would gather and eat at tortoise's homestead. So elephant beat the drum louder and louder every day.

In this usual excited mood, elephant beat the drum one day too hard. The drum broke before the food could come down. All the animals watched in disbelief as tortoise's back suddenly turned as hard as a rock. Then it started cracking. They felt scared and ran away in all directions, leaving the tortoise with a heavy cracked shell. This was the punishment given by the spirits for disobedience.

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| <p>26. How did the drought commence?<br/>A. It was highly expected<br/>B. It commenced suddenly<br/>C. It commenced gradually<br/>D. It began expectedly</p> <p>27. Which one of the following statements is true?<br/>A. Grey clouds were hanging high in the sky<br/>B. Cold wind blew away the trees<br/>C. The rain came with the wind<br/>D. The cold wind brought no rain</p> <p>28. "..... <i>something was terribly wrong.</i>" This means that<br/>A. something was amiss<br/>B. something was unique<br/>C. something was logical<br/>D. something was illegible</p> <p>29. If something was done pretty fast, the drought could have been<br/>A. a disaster      B. averted<br/>C. a catastrophe      D. a crisis</p> <p>30. "..... <i>it dawned on him</i> ....." means that<br/>A. he realized      B. he sat down<br/>C. he became tired      D. he was convinced</p> <p>31. The word <b>well known</b> in paragraph three means all of the following <b>except</b>;<br/>A. anonymous      B. famous<br/>C. renowned      D. celebrated</p> <p>32. The spirits instructed tortoise to do all of the following <b>except</b>;<br/>A. beat the drum several times<br/>B. sing the drum beats<br/>C. dance a bit<br/>D. state what he wanted</p> | <p>33. How did the animals feel immediately tortoise reached home?<br/>A. Thrilled      B. Excited<br/>C. Unhappy      D. Contented</p> <p>34. Who performed the magic for the first time inside the house according to the passage?<br/>A. The village magician<br/>B. The animal who had brought the drum<br/>C. Tortoise's friend<br/>D. A few selected animals</p> <p>35. All the following statements are true according to the passage <b>except</b>;<br/>A. no sooner had the rain begun than the feast ended<br/>B. as soon as the feasting ended the rain began<br/>C. the rain began immediately after feasting<br/>D. scarcely had the feasting ended than the rain began</p> <p>36. Which of the following statements is true according to the passage?<br/>A. King elephant employed tortoise<br/>B. King tortoise was employed by elephant<br/>C. Elephant was employed to beat the drum<br/>D. Elephant employed a few animals to beat the drum</p> <p>37. When would animals go for food at tortoise home?<br/>A. In the morning<br/>B. Whenever they were hungry<br/>C. Upon hearing the elephant's trumpet<br/>D. When the drum was beaten</p> <p>38. Which mistake did elephant make according to the passage?<br/>A. Beating the drum occasionally<br/>B. Asking instructions on how to beat the drum<br/>C. Beating the drum extremely hard<br/>D. Beating the drum too softly</p> |
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Read the following passage and then answer questions 39 to 50:

All of us have memory lapses and they become more frequent and prolonged as we grow older. Present evidence shows that advancing age by itself contributes very little to loss of memory. Even though analysis on scanning shows that our brain shrinks by ten percent by the time we reach seventy. It does not greatly affect our every day recall and day-to-day needs of our memory power. It's diseases that go with age such as high blood pressure. Stroke, arterial scelerosis which narrow the arteries that supply blood to the brain which are really responsible for the damage.

Excessive alcohol and smoking are enemies of normal brain function and specifically affect memory. Therefore, people who start smoking or taking alcohol when young have memories with a very short life span. Similarly, both lack of sleep and sleeping pills can disrupt one's retentive memory and formation of new memories.

Mental activity is greatly affected by brain composition. Prolonged stress and depression disturbs the stability of the brain. Various methods have been suggested to boost memory loss like heart and brain diseases, high blood pressure, diabetes and thyroid disorders should be treated. It has been shown that those who eat plenty of fruits and vegetables have higher brain power scores.

Efforts are being made especially to address the problems of old age including weak memory. It is right to say that if normal daily vitamin requirements of the body are fulfilled, they should help old people as they do to the young.

Finally, the adage, "use it or lose it." Is very true when it comes to memory. If the brain is not stimulated, it will become sluggish. Keeping physically and mentally active is one way of boosting one's memory. Reading and trying to recall what one has read doing crossword puzzles, writing letters, listening carefully, repeating names and other facts and making mental notes about events and people keep the brain and the memory alive.

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| <p>39. What is the <b>main</b> cause of memory lapses according to the passage?<br/>         A. Diseases like high blood pressure<br/>         B. Shrinking of the brain by ten percent<br/>         C. Old age<br/>         D. Narrow arteries</p> <p>40. What are the dangers of excessive smoking and alcohol consumption?<br/>         A. They reduce one's life span<br/>         B. It makes the brain shrink<br/>         C. They affect the normal functioning of the brain<br/>         D. They specifically affect young people</p> <p>41. How does lack of enough sleep affect the human memory according to the passage?<br/>         A. It causes depression<br/>         B. It makes the brain shrink<br/>         C. It disrupts one's retentive memory<br/>         D. It rejects new memory</p> <p>42. How can one boost memory according to the passage?<br/>         A. Taking enough vitamins and keeping oneself physically and mentally active<br/>         B. Doing a lot of physical exercise and eating enough food<br/>         C. Controlling diseases that may affect one<br/>         D. Undergoing regular medical examination</p> <p>43. According to the passage, which problems affect mental activity thus causing memory lapses?<br/>         A. High blood pressure, stroke and arterial sclerosis<br/>         B. Prolonged stress, depression and change in brain composition<br/>         C. Excessive alcohol smoking and lack of sleep<br/>         D. Lack of stability in the brain</p> <p>44. The word "<b>fulfilled</b>" as used in the passage</p> | <p>means<br/>         A. completed                      B. filled<br/>         C. met                                D. needed</p> <p>45. Which of the following can replace the word <b>adage</b> according to the passage?<br/>         A. Expression                      B. Story<br/>         C. Saying                              D. Simile</p> <p>46. According to the writer, high brain power scores are as a result of<br/>         A. eating plenty of fruits and vegetables<br/>         B. avoiding excessive smoking and alcohol<br/>         C. inadequate sleep<br/>         D. old age</p> <p>47. Which one of the following statement is <b>true</b>?<br/>         A. Vitamins requirements are vital both in old and young age<br/>         B. Sleeping pills do not affect memory<br/>         C. Old people are immune to stroke<br/>         D. Old age contributes gently to loss memory</p> <p>48. How does arterial sclerosis affect the brain?<br/>         A. It results in high blood pressure<br/>         B. It results in brain damage<br/>         C. It causes stroke<br/>         D. It causes narrowing of arteries</p> <p>49. What makes the brain to become sluggish according to the passage?<br/>         A. Lack of stimulation<br/>         B. High blood pressure<br/>         C. Lack of vitamins<br/>         D. Inadequate formation of new memories</p> <p>50. Which of the following statements <b>best</b> summarises the passage?<br/>         A. How to boost memory<br/>         B. Diseases associated with the brain in old age<br/>         C. Causes and cures of memory lapses<br/>         D. Memory lapses in old age</p> |
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